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In re Application of:

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For: WATER-SOLUBLE DRUGS AND RELATED
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF
PREPARING AND USING SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Office has set forth a restriction requirement. In particular, the Office requires Applicants to elect one of the following groups:

- (I) claims 63-80, drawn to a compound of claim 63, pharmaceutical compositions thereof and methods of using said compound,
- (II) claims 81-91, drawn to methods of preparing a water-soluble drug,
- (III) claims 92-97, drawn to a compound of claim 92,
- (IV) claims 98-103, drawn to a compound of claim 98, and
- (V) claims 104-106, drawn to a method of treating cancer.

According to the Office, Groups I-V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because the groups do not share a common structural element. In addition, the Office has set forth a requirement for election of species.